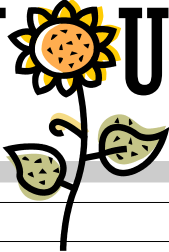


# THE JOURNAL



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## From the President's Desk

The month of March often brings changes in Bridgeville's municipal government; however, this was a year of stability among the Commissioners. Voting Districts # 4 (Tom Carey) and #5 (Sharon McDowell) were uncontested and each will serve 2-year terms on the Town Commission. Commissioner Carey was appointed in May 2016 to replace Commissioner Kevin Carson, who moved out of Town and could no longer serve.

We would like to acknowledge our Bridgeville Board of Elections consisting of Mrs. Anne Hallman, Mrs. Betty Ann Hardesty and Mr. Don Kover, who qualified the candidates, confirming their Eligibility and Election. Thanks also to Town Secretary Peggy Smith for coordinating the Election process.

Commission Officers for 2017 include Pat Correll, President; Sharon McDowell, President Pro Tempore and Lawrence Tassone, Commission Secretary. Also appointed were Jesse Savage, Town Manager/Finance Director; Dennis Schrader, Town Solicitor and Jason Loar of Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc., Town Engineer.

The Town was pleased to honor two very brave Police Officers from Bridgeville and Greenwood at their March 13th monthly Commission meeting. In January, Sergeant Robert James of the Bridgeville Police Department and Patrolman First Class William Thomas of the Greenwood Police Department were dispatched to a house fire on Church St. in Bridgeville. Once on the scene, the officers observed smoke pouring from the residence and fire showing through the roof and second floor windows. The officers made entry to the residence in order to locate anyone that could still be trapped inside. They were able to locate one subject on the lower floor of the residence and got them to safety. The officers re-entered the residence several more times in an attempt to locate anyone else that was still in the residence. While doing so, they removed fuel cans and other highly flammable materials so that the fire wouldn't accelerate before firefighters arrived on scene. Both officers went above and beyond the call of duty by placing their own lives in danger in order to preserve another life. Officers James and Thomas were honored at Bridgeville's March Commission meeting, along with receiving commendation from Bridgeville Police Chief Burke Parker and Greenwood Police Chief Anderson.

Bridgeville's Bike Path project around the Little League Field and joining with the Heritage Shores Bike Path on Wilson Farm Rd. is making good progress. Our 35th District Representative, Dave Wilson, has worked tirelessly for the past 6 years and has been instrumental in making this project a reality. He has been assisted financially by the Sussex County Council and many other local Senators and Representatives. Lighting and fencing will complete the project in the near future.

*Pat Correll*

## UPCOMING BRIDGEVILLE EVENTS

**Community-Wide  
Yard Sale**  
Saturday, May 6  
7 AM-Throughout Town

**25th Annual  
NALC Food Drive**  
Saturday, May 13  
(Food Donations received at Post Office  
or placed by your Mailbox.)

**Memorial Day  
Celebration**  
Monday, May 29, 9:30 AM  
Veterans Memorial, Town Cemetery

## Monthly Statistics

Reflects Totals from Month of:	DECEMBER 2016	JANUARY 2017	FEBRUARY 2017
Traffic / Criminal Arrests	97/13	79/23	161/47
Building Permits / Revenue	8/\$5,509.09	10/\$9,938.09	4/\$3,605.68
Certificates of Occupancy	6	2	2
Untagged / Inoperable Vehicles	3	4	0

## Minutes from the Monthly Commission Meetings

### January / February / March 2017

The Town is in its 3rd year of using excess transfer tax to reduce the Town's debt burden. Year #1: a surplus of \$300,000+ paid off a wastewater loan. Year #2: a surplus of \$354,000 was earmarked for a new Police Department. Year #3: any surplus will go toward the Police Department..

The Commission is considering a Vacant Building Ordinance, due to the number of empty/deteriorating buildings in Town, with the idea to incentivize the owners to keep the buildings in good condition and occupied.

The Commission held a Public Hearing on December 12, 2016 regarding the dangerous condition of the structure at 410-412 Market St. It was determined the building is a hazard to life and property and a common and public nuisance and was therefore demolished in February.

The Town's engineering firm of Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. continues to work on the floor plan design for the Town's new Police Station on S. Main St.

In November 2016 the Commissioners held a meeting with County Engineer Hans Medlarz, Greg Pope from DNREC, our Town Engineer and Greenwood Council members to discuss Bridgeville/Greenwood wastewater needs and the possibility of a regional wastewater option. Mr. Medlarz believes the county would support a sewer system from Seaford limits to Greenwood. Representative Wilson is encouraging the county to step up to the plate concerning western Sussex wastewater, as they have on the eastern side of the county. The process would begin with a Feasibility Study.

The Commission has voted to continue receiving state mosquito spray services for 2017.

The Town is purchasing a 2017 F-250 truck for the Water Department, replacing a 2003 vehicle. Proceeds from the sale of the Town street sweeper will finance the truck, which is included in the Town's capital budget.

The amended FY17 operating budget shows a minor .3% (\$8,250) increase in the Town budget, which indicates the Commission's intention to hold the line on spending. The final budget amount is \$2,692,100.

Bridgeville will continue to sponsor the Seaford and Laurel Star 2016-2017 "Newspaper in Education Program." Newspapers are placed in the Laurel, Delmar, Bridgeville, Greenwood and Seaford schools every week for teacher/student use. This is the 20th year for this program.

The Commissioners are re-financing wastewater debt and adopting a Resolution authorizing the Town to re-finance current debt and lower the interest rate from 4-1/2% to 2%. This will not increase the term of the loans and saves approximately \$877,000.

JROTC Marine Corp Cadet 1st Lieutenant Jacob Johnson addressed the Commission to introduce his senior project. The "Hometown Heroes Banner Project" will honor Bridgeville WWII veterans for their service to our country. The project includes 30 banners for display from Memorial Day to Labor Day on our streets. The cost of the banners would be covered by local civic organizations and businesses.

The Town has given its 2016 contribution of Emergency Services Funding to the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Company. This year \$20,400 will be available for essential purchases.

## Town News

### Community-Wide



**Saturday, May 6  
7:00 AM**

### Apple Scrapple Festival Update

The Apple Scrapple Committee is hard at work preparing for the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in October 2017 and anticipates a spectacular event!

Organizing the festival is a year-long mission and many residents serve, enabling our community/schools/civic organizations to raise much needed funds. We are always looking for more volunteers to help the festival run smoothly and ask for a commitment of 15 hours a year, with a maximum of 4 hours during the festival. If this is something you would like to do individually, or with your organization or business, we would be happy to have you join us. Meetings take place the last Tuesday of each month, 7 PM at the Bridgeville Library.

Karen Johnson, Chairperson  
Bridgeville Public Library  
302-337-7401

### Economic Development Committee

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) continues to meet monthly to pursue advice from professionals and new ideas to attract visitors, businesses and resources to the Town of Bridgeville.

The EDC awarded three new Market Street Façade Improvement Grants. They were awarded to Amaze thru Time (Bridgeville Emporium), Bridgeville Building and Loan, and H. C. Layton and Son. A total of seven matching grants have been awarded in the past year.

The EDC is growing. Several new, highly qualified, enthusiastic members have been added.

Bridgeville license plates can be purchased at Town Hall and Downtown Alley. The banners are flying and Bridgeville branding continues. The Committee continues to review ways to improve town signage.

The importance of all our businesses working together is highlighted by Committee members visiting merchants to ascertain their needs and figure out how they can work together.

In April the EDC will be offering a **COMPETITIVE NEW BUSINESS/EXPANSION INCENTIVE GRANT**. Watch for details on the town website/newspaper/mail. This is an exciting opportunity for a new business to be established in Bridgeville or a current business to expand.

New Economic Development Committee members are always welcome. Your ideas and enthusiasm are needed to make Bridgeville the best it can be.

### Friday Garbage/Recycling Services

#### Peninsula Oil Subscribers ONLY

**No interruption of garbage & recycling services due to Memorial Day or July 4th.**

Recycling services are provided bi-weekly and collection is as follows:

April 7/21 May 5/19 June 2/16/30 July 14/28

**Questions? Call Peninsula Oil at:  
1-410-422-9406  
Website: penoil.com**

### Peninsula Oil

#### Garbage Policy

The Town has recently learned that trash/recycle subscribers may only place **2 extra bags** of trash out in addition to their trash and recycle totes.

Should you have additional trash bags to leave out for pick-up, you must contact Peninsula Oil at 410-422-9406 to schedule a bulk trash pick-up.

# Town News

## New Faces on the Block

### Welcome New Homeowners!



#### Whistling Duck Drive:

Robert & Margaret Gallant  
Roger & Marlene Sullivan

#### Champions Drive:

Louis & Susan Buscemi  
Dwight Yoder  
William & Valla Klettke  
Jeffrey & Carol Mackauer

#### Jacobs Avenue:

John Pleasanton

#### Waterside Drive:

F. Harold & Joyce Schriver  
R. Mikol & P. Waskiewicz  
R. & C. Weyhenmeyer  
Jesse & Virginia Miller  
Patrick & Dari McGinnis  
Joseph & Donna Gargano  
William & Sherri Edelman  
Alan & Donna Pointer  
Pamela Sullivan

#### Wills Island Drive:

Richard & Patricia Windle

#### Oak Street:

Victor & Vianey Mazariegos

#### South Main Street:

Abraham Padilla  
Gayle Mulvihill

#### Gadwall Circle:

Patricia Robinson

#### Canvasback Circle:

Cornelius & Mary Boyle

#### Amanda's Teal Drive:

Frances & Michael Perini

#### White Pelican Court:

David & Sharon DeTeresi

#### Church Street:

E. Gray Investments

#### Harlequin Loop:

T. & P. Laiacona  
Raul & Sandra Hernandez  
Geoffrey & Lauretta Yoder

#### Canvasback Circle:

Anne Kennedy

#### N. Main Street:

Bravo Lopez

#### Delaware Avenue:

K. Devoe & G. Metz

#### Emily's Pintail Drive:

Joseph Clark

#### Railroad Avenue:

Raymond Horney, Jr.

#### S. Cannon St.:

Christopher Holland

#### Ruddy Duck Lane:

Walter & Linda Pluznick

#### Legends Way:

Joseph & Norma Knoll



## Pool Owners



Pool meters will again be available from the Town Hall. This metered hose will allow you to fill your pool with water **ONE TIME ONLY**

**DURING THE SUMMER**, charging only for water, not for sewer. Pool meters must be returned within one week to avoid penalty.

## Code Department

### Grass Cutting

The Town will only give **one warning per year** concerning grass that is 8 inches or taller. A \$100 fine will be assessed for a second violation. If you will be out of Town for an extended period of time, please make arrangements for your grass to be cut in your absence.

### No Exceptions!

**Grass clippings are not allowed in the street, as they clog the street sweeper.**

### Power-washing

Mold/mildew on Bridgeville homes is a code violation. Please power-wash your dwelling, especially the north side, as the mold/mildew is unhealthy for your family.

### Tree & Foliage Trimming

In order to clean the streets at the curb line, the Town's street sweeper requires a height clearance of at least twelve (12) feet. There are many properties in Town with tree limbs that are below the clearance height and bushes that extend over the curb line. We would appreciate everyone's cooperation in trimming and maintaining these trees and bushes so the street sweeper can do an effective job.

### Sidewalk Repairs

**Please be advised: All sidewalks on your property are to be maintained by the property owner.** The Town asks all residents to make necessary repairs for the safety of all Bridgeville residents.

### Dog Owners

All dogs with pit bull characteristics must be registered at Town Hall. Chaining/tethering dogs with ropes/wires is prohibited.

### Residential Mailbox Requirements

Mailbox: 3-inch light-reflective numbers/letters  
Structure: 4-inch light-reflective numbers/letters. Those not in compliance will be fined!

**Contact Code Enforcement Officer Jerry Butler concerning these requirements (337-7135)**

## Town News

### Bridgeville Collection Station

Bridgeville has a Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) drop-off center nearby. This Station operates on a "pay-as-you-throw" basis - each bag of garbage or yard waste costs \$1.00. To protect the safety of the operator and the users, **NO cash transactions** take place on-site. Pre-paid tickets must be purchased in advance, which are available in \$10.00 increments online at [dswa.com](http://dswa.com) or in person at regular DSWA facilities. They are also available at the Sussex County Administration Building in Georgetown. Tickets expire one year from the date of purchase.

The Bridgeville Collection station offers a convenient and relatively inexpensive option for disposing of household garbage/yard waste.

16539 Polk Road, Bridgeville

Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Follow Rt. 404 west out of Town and turn left on Polk Rd.

### Bridgeville Memorial Day



Join us in honoring  
our Veterans

### Celebration

May 29, 2017

9:30 AM

Veterans Memorial

Bridgeville  
Cemetery

Saturday May 13

25th Annual

Donations

Received at the  
Bridgeville Post Office  
or Leave Donations  
by your Mailbox

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
OF LETTER CARRIERS

**Stamp  
Out  
Hunger**  
FOOD DRIVE

### Household Hazardous Waste / Electronic Goods / Paper Shredding Event

Jones Crossroads Landfill  
28560 Landfill Lane  
Georgetown, DE 19947

Every Monday  
10 am - 2 pm

#### Household Hazardous Waste

Product containers marked with words:

"Warning"      "Hazardous"      "Poisonous"  
"Flammable"      "Corrosive"      "Explosive"

I.E.: household cleaners, garden pesticides, nail  
polish, fluorescent bulbs, antifreeze, oil-based paints

No Latex Paint

#### Paper Shredding

Residents may bring up to 2 file  
boxes of paper for shredding.  
(medical/financial/legal/tax records,  
receipts) Papers with staples or  
paper clips are accepted.

#### Electronic Goods

Computers	Printers	CD players
Microwaves	Telephones	Televisions
Game Boys	Fax Machines	VCRs

Delaware Solid Waste Authority ([www.dswa.com](http://www.dswa.com))



# Community Activities

## \*\*\*\* ANNUAL LIBRARY BBQ FUNDRAISER \*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\* Saturday/Sunday July 22/23 \*\*\*\*

Corner of Rt. 404 & Scott's Store Rd., West of Town

### Bridgeville Public Library Events

Story Time 2-4 Year Olds - Tuesdays, 11 AM

3-6 Year Olds - Thursdays, 11 AM

Lap Sit 3 Month Olds-3 Year Olds - Wednesdays, 10 AM

Saturday Story Time/Lap Sit 1st Saturday, monthly

Lap Sit 3 Month Olds - 3 Year Olds - 9 AM

Story Time 3-6 Year Olds - 10 AM

Teen/Tween Programming April 6/April 20

4:30 - 7 PM Board games, arts, crafts

Family Fun Night Apr 18/May 16/Jun 20/Jul 18 6:30 - 8 PM

Summer Reading Programs "Build a Better World"

Registration begins June 3; programs continue through August.

Adult Crafts Fridays, 6 - 8 PM

Apr 21/May 29

Libraries of Sussex County Concert Series and Trivia Night:

"The Shades of Blue" Wednesday, May 31 - 6 PM

Trivia Night July 20 - 7PM

Library Gaming

"Small Town Gaming" offers an open and Free arcade for the day. Open to all ages. Saturday May 13th and June 10th 10 AM - 2PM

Closings: April 15 May 11 May 29 July 4th

July 22/23 - BBQ Fundraiser

\*\*\*\*\* 302-337-7401 \*\*\*\*\*

[www.bridgevillelibrary.com](http://www.bridgevillelibrary.com)

## Lions / Lioness Club News

**Donations:** The Lions Club has made donations to the Woodbridge Football Boosters to purchase jackets for the 2016's State Championship Football team. They are also going to sponsor a Woodbridge Little League team and a sign for the field.

**Hometown Hero's Banners:** The Lions will be purchasing up to eight banners honoring our home town heroes serving in WWII and who were members of the Bridgeville Lions Club.

**Annual Senior Awards** Lions & Lioness will present awards to the Class of 2017 at Graduation exercises: Ray Passwaters Business Scholarship/Citizenship Awards/Lioness \$1,000 award to a senior girl attending college.

[www.facebook.com/bridgevillelions](http://www.facebook.com/bridgevillelions)

## Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville News

**BBQ Stand** Mark your calendar for another summer of famous Kiwanis barbecue chicken. The Kiwanis Club BBQ stand will open for the season on Saturday April 29th and Sunday the 30th and will be open weekends through October 8th. The stand is located 4 miles west of Bridgeville on Seashore Highway (Route 404). The sale of this traditional delicious summertime favorite goes to benefit children and youth, community needs and the less fortunate. We hope the Bridgeville community will continue to support this fundraising activity.

**Walker Mill Project** The club is investing in a new project that will provide lunches for the children at Walker Mill during the summer months this year. This will require the club to pay for the ladies to cook the lunches and also pay for the meals for the children.

### Inter-Club Activities

April: Bridgeville Lions Club

May: Election of Officers and Directors

Hosting Woodbridge National Jr. Honor Society

**78th Annual Charter Night** celebrated on March 20th.

## Bridgeville Historical Society

**Visit the BHS Museum** The Old Fire House at 102 William St. will be open the following days: **Group Tours arranged: 337-7600**

Tuesdays, 10 AM - 12 PM

Sundays, 12 PM - 3 PM - May 7 / June 4 / July 2

**Special Interest** The BHS is very interested in learning the histories of businesses that have operated in Bridgeville. If you have any old photos, written histories, or interesting stories you can share, please call 337-8595.

**New Members Welcome** Our new year begins April 1. Pick up a brochure at Town Hall or the Bridgeville Public Library; complete the membership form and return via U.S. Mail.

Membership Dues: \$15 - Single \$25 - Family  
\$75 - Patron \$500 - Life Membership

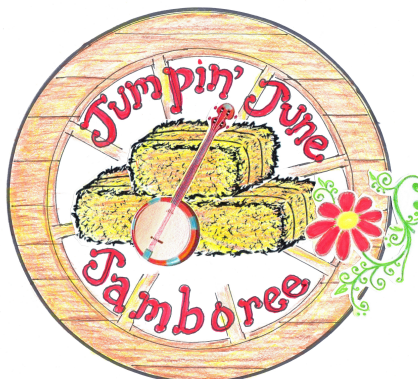
## Friends of the Bridgeville Library

### Personalized & Integrative Medicine

by Dr. Uday Jani  
Library Meeting Room  
Tuesday, April 9  
7:00 PM

### Pot Luck Dinner & Annual Meeting

Library Meeting Room  
Tuesday, July 11  
6:00 PM



### 3rd Annual Friends Fundraiser

### "Jumping June Jamboree"

Saturday, June 3  
11 AM - 2 PM

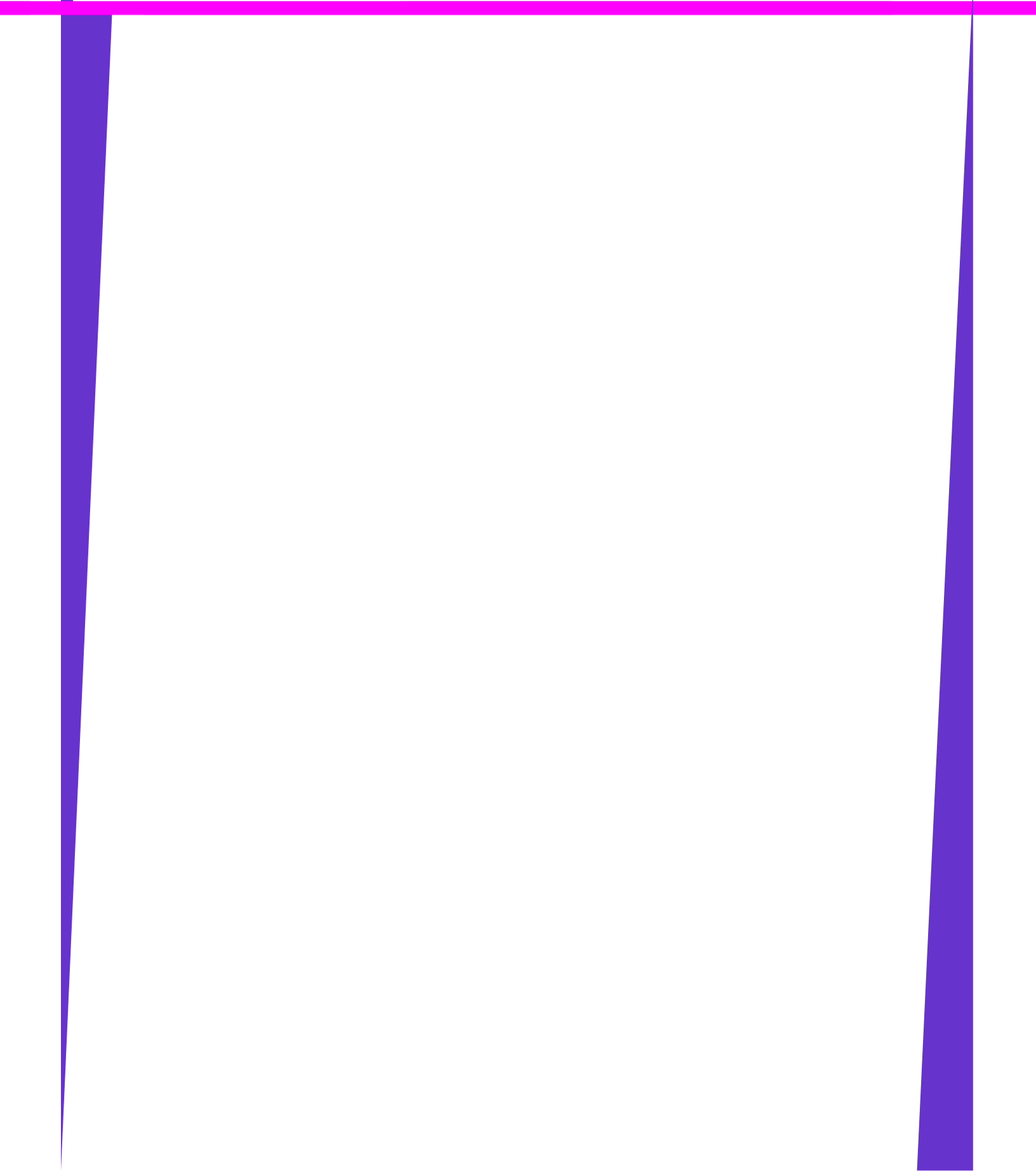
Family Event - Food! Games! Fun!

DJ Services by J&B Entertainment

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Bridgeville, Delaware 19933

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[www.bridgeville.delaware.gov](http://www.bridgeville.delaware.gov)

## Important Dates to Remember

<b>April</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Friends of the Library</b> Bridgeville Library 7 PM Personalized & Integrative Medicine- Dr. Uday Jani	<b>June</b>	<b>* Kiwanis Chicken BBQ</b> Open Sat/Sun in June
	<b>10</b>	<b>Monthly Commission Mtg</b> Town Hall 7 PM	<b>3</b>	<b>Jumping June Jamboree</b> Library Fundraiser 11 AM - 2 PM
	<b>14</b>	<b>Good Friday</b> Town Offices/Library Closed	<b>4</b>	<b>Woodbridge Senior Graduation</b> <b>Historical Society Museum</b> Open Noon - 3 PM
	<b>14-21</b>	<b>Woodbridge Schools</b> - Spring Break - Schools Closed	<b>9</b>	<b>Woodbridge Schools</b> - Last day Pre-K - 11
	<b>25</b>	<b>Apple Scrapple Committee meets 7 PM</b> Newcomers Welcome - Bridgeville Library	<b>12</b>	<b>Monthly Commission Mtg</b> Town Hall 7 PM
	<b>28</b>	<b>Woodbridge Schools</b> - No School for Students	<b>27</b>	<b>Apple Scrapple Committee meets 7 PM</b> Newcomers Welcome - Bridgeville Library
	<b>29-30</b>	<b>* Kiwanis Chicken BBQ</b> Opening Weekend	<b>July</b>	<b>* Kiwanis Chicken BBQ</b> Open Fri.-Sun. in July
<b>May</b>		<b>* Kiwanis Chicken BBQ</b> Open Sat/Sun in May	<b>2</b>	<b>Historical Society Museum</b> Open Noon - 3 PM
	<b>6</b>	<b>Town-Wide Yard Sale</b> Begins at 7 AM	<b>4</b>	<b>Independence Day</b> Town Offices/Library Closed
	<b>7</b>	<b>Historical Society Museum</b> Open Noon - 3PM	<b>10</b>	<b>Monthly Commission Mtg</b> Town Hall 7 PM
	<b>8</b>	<b>Monthly Commission Mtg</b> Town Hall 7 PM	<b>11</b>	<b>Friends of the Library</b> Bridgeville Library 6 PM Potluck Dinner & Annual Meeting
	<b>13</b>	<b>25th Annual NALC Food Drive</b> Food donations received at the Post Office or picked up at your mailbox	<b>25</b>	<b>Apple Scrapple Committee meets 7 PM</b> Newcomers Welcome - Bridgeville Library
	<b>26</b>	<b>Woodbridge Schools</b> Last Day for Seniors	<b>30-31</b>	<b>Library Fundraiser at Kiwanis Chicken BBQ</b>
	<b>29</b>	<b>Town Memorial Day Celebration</b> 9:30 AM Town Offices/Library/Woodbridge Schools Closed		
	<b>30</b>	<b>Apple Scrapple Committee meets 7 PM</b> Newcomers Welcome - Bridgeville Library		